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Mail Stop Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Applicant is no longer entitled to small entity status in connection with the above-identified patent application. Therefore, the issue fee is being paid as a large entity and the fee is being charged to Deposit Account Number: 50-1275

Respectfully submitted,



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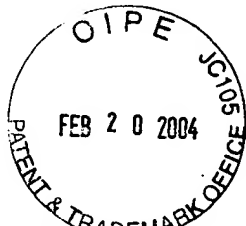
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Communication Accompanying the Issue Fee

Applicants submit contemporaneously herewith, the issue for the above referenced application. Applicants present herein some clarifying remarks.

The title of the application is incorrectly set forth on form PTOL-85. On September 19, 2003, the title was amended to read:

NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING HUMAN G PROTEIN-COUPLED RECEPTOR

Applicants respectfully request that the title of the issued patent reflect the amended title.

The PAIR system accurately sets forth priority data, including that divisional relationship with this application and its parent, serial no. 09/417,044 filed October 12, 1999. An amendment to the specification was made in the original transmittal of the application indicating that a sentence referencing this relationship should be added. A subsequent amendment corrected the remaining priorities set forth in the application. Applicants are commenting here to ensure that both amendments are reflected in the issued patent, in the event that any confusion occurs.

Formal drawings have not been requested by the Office. Applicants note, however, that on March 21, 2003, several drawings were resubmitted with better clarity. Applicants enclose herewith a copy of the March 21, 2003 filing with the drawings. Applicants respectfully request that these drawing figures be used in the issued patent. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants respectfully that none of the above comments affect the patentability or allowability of any of the claims of this application. Accordingly, Applicants request acceptance of the issue fee and issuance of the patent.

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